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AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A back light module, comprising:

a frame having a bottom surface;

at least one U-shaped lamp tube disposed inside the frame, having:

two electrodes substantially located toward the bottom surface of the frame; and

two straight portions having the same length.

19. (previously presented) The back light module of claim 18, further comprising a diffusion plate positioned inside the frame above the U-shaped lamp tube.

20. (previously presented) The back light module of claim 19, further comprising a plurality of optical plates positioned over the diffusion plate.

21. (previously presented) The back light module of claim 18, further comprising a reflecting plate positioned on the bottom surface of the frame.

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22. (previously presented) A back light module, comprising:
a frame having a bottom surface;
at least a lamp tube module disposed inside the frame, the lamp tube module comprising at least two U-shaped lamp tubes and each U-shaped lamp tube having:
two electrodes substantially located toward the bottom surface of the frame; and
two straight portions having the same length.

[[22]]23. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the U-shaped lamp tubes within each lamp tube module are symmetrically positioned inside the frame.

[[23]]24. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the U-shaped lamp tubes within each lamp tube module are alternately positioned inside the frame.

[[24]]25. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the lamp tube modules form an array.

[[25]]26. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the lamp tube modules are laid down in rows or columns.

[[26]]27. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the module further comprises a reflecting plate positioned on the bottom surface of the frame.

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~~[[27]]~~28. (currently amended) The back light module of claim 22, wherein the module further comprises a diffusion plate positioned inside the frame above the lamp tube module.

~~[[28]]~~29. (currently amended) The back light module of claim ~~[[27]]~~28, wherein the module further comprises a plurality of optical plates positioned over the diffusion plate.